

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 8, 2006. Claims 1-20 are pending in this application and claims 8-14 and 18-20 have been allowed. By the foregoing amendments claims 1-7 and 15-18 have been amended to clear up ambiguities. Thus, claims 1-20 are presented for examination.

Discussion of Amendments to the Specification

The Examiner noted several errors and omissions in the specification. The applicant has amended the specification accordingly by adding Table 1 that was inadvertently omitted from page 35. No new matter has been added; the amendments are supported in the drawings or elsewhere in the specification and by the parent application.

Discussion of the Office Action

In the Office Action of June 8, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1-7 and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Discussion of Rejection of Claims 1-7 and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claims 1-7 and 15-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for failure to comply with the enablement requirement. According to the Examiner, Applicants have failed to enable a system containing a single battery of cells that was capable of producing a continuous output of deionized fluid.

Applicants emphasize that no undue experimentation is necessary from reading Applicants' specification for one of ordinary skill in the art to make and use a battery of cells as claimed in Applicants' claim 1 and the dependent claims therefrom. Applicants note that the claimed system is described, inter alia, in paragraphs [0020] thru [0024], and [0056] thru [0061], more particularly, the continuous nature of the system as described in paragraph [0023] provides enabling disclosure, especially in combination with paragraph [0061] as well as the entire specification. In any event, Applicants submit that the specification and drawings enable one of ordinary skill in the art to operate the claimed system of claims 1-7

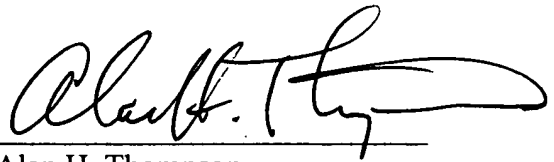
and 15-17 without undue experimentation. Accordingly, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, should be withdrawn.

Summary

Having amended the claims, as discussed above, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 1-20.

In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, he is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned at (925) 422-7820.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan H. Thompson", written over a horizontal line.

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